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Vicar: The word sacrilege doesn't mean anything to them

Church raiders in £100,000 theft

A VICAR has warned that a church could close after more than £100,000 of lead was stripped from its roof.

The Rev David Randell said insurance would only pay up to £15,000 towards

By Oliver Evans

repairing St Mary's in Warkworth, hit by lead thieves overnight on Friday and Saturday.

Rain poured into the remote church, damaging the inside, which was only recently given its first makeover in 100 years, paid for by a £7,000 fundraising drive.

Balaclava-clad thieves removed CCTV cameras and even a memorial bench.

But insurance payouts are capped because of a UK rise in church lead thefts and Mr Randell fears the Diocese of Oxford will demand expensive lead be used for repairs.

He said: "If we can't repair like with like, because we can't afford it, then it will be closed and may fall into disrepair."

He added: "These thieves just have no sense of decency. The word sacrilege doesn't mean anything to them. The fact it is a holy place is irrelevant."

Mr Randell, a vicar of 22 years, said there had been ten lead raids in his six parishes over the last three years.

Better regulation of the scrap trade was needed, he said, to track thefts.

He said: "The reason there are this number of thefts is because the price of metal is high and people know they can get away with it."

Church treasurer Derek Jones said: "These people are despicable."

"We have a small congregation of perhaps seven or eight for our two monthly services, hence you can imagine we don't have a lot of income."

Diocese spokesman Sarah Meyrick said: "There has been a massive increase in lead thefts over the last three years."

"One of the things that is particularly concerning is when they steal the lead, they make a huge amount of damage."

Suitable replacement materials were considered on a case-by-case basis, she said.

The stolen bench was installed in 1989 by farmer John Fenemore in memory of his father, George, who died in 1988.

Police are investigating. Anyone with information should call 03000 111222 or Crimestoppers anonymously.



Church warden Bob Langton, stands where the memorial bench was ripped from the ground and used as a ladder

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Crash victim named

A TEENAGER, who died in a collision on the A422 between Farthinghoe and Brackley, has been named as 19-year-old Theodora Phillington.

Miss Phillington, of Springfield Avenue, Banbury, was driving a black Renault Clio when it was involved in an accident with a red Jaguar

Sovereign at 10.10am on Tuesday of last week.

A passenger in the Jaguar, a 73-year-old woman from Herefordshire, was taken to the Horton with a fractured wrist and broken ribs.

The driver was uninjured. Anyone with information should call Northamptonshire police on 0800 174615.



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News in brief

LAST week's front page article, "Parking anger", stated Cherwell District Council pay and display fees were £1,524,027 last year compared to £921,347 the year before. In fact, the £921,347 was the amount the council spent running the parking service last year. We apologise for the error.

● The article titled "Hard work pays off at annual flower and produce show" said Jennifer Hughes won the cakes and preserves category at the Banbury Flower & Produce Show. In fact, Jennifer Richards won the category. The error was based on information provided by show organisers Banbury Town Council.

A CONCERT will be held to raise funds for a £40,000 organ restoration at St Michael & All Angels Church, Great Tew. The Oxford Male Voice Choir will perform at the church on October 1 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 and will include wine and refreshments and are available from 01608 683329 or on the door.

CHERWELL District Council will save £78,000 by bringing its glass recycling collections in-house. It will also be cleaning the bring bank sites and collecting cans and batteries. Until now the council outsourced its glass collection and the contractors were able to sell the glass on. The council will now bring in an average of £10 per tonne of glass from resale.

Girl, 14, tells of being offered 'cash for fun'

Police launch hunt for kerb-crawler

By Fran Bardsley

A MAN grabbed a teenage girl in Banbury after making inappropriate comments to her, police said.

The 14-year-old was walking along Broad Street at about 3.30pm on Friday when she was stopped by a man in a white tipper-style van.

Thames Valley Police said he asked her for directions, at the junction of Newlands Road and Gatteridge Street.

A statement said: "He told her she was 'gorgeous'."

"He asked her age and when she replied 14, he said 'a bit young' and asked her if she wanted to earn £50. When the victim asked how, he said 'some fun'."

"As the girl tried to walk away, he grabbed her arm, but she pulled away and ran off."

Police said the van had a silver

pick-up section with cones and ladders in the back. The man is described as white, stocky, in his late 30s or early 40s with short ginger/blonde scruffy hair, a square face, clean shaven, with "funny" bottom teeth. He was wearing a pale blue T-shirt with a high visibility vest over it.

PC Kelly Gilbert said: "The girl was not hurt when she was grabbed, but was left shaken and upset."

"It is completely unacceptable for a grown man to treat a young girl in this way and I am keen to trace the man responsible."

"I would urge anyone who recognises the description of the man or the van to contact police."

Anyone with information should call the force 08458 505505 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

● Two men were attacked in an unprovoked assault in Middleton Road, police said.

The men were near the Co-op supermarket between 12.30am and 12.45am on Sunday, August 21, when they were confronted by a group of six to eight men.

A 33-year-old man from Banbury was kicked in the leg while the other man, also from Banbury, was jumped on but was not injured.

The attackers were described as white and of eastern European origin.

Thames Valley Police only released details of the incident on Friday afternoon.

Call PC Kelly Gilbert on 08458 505505.

Carer jailed over sex abuse

A CARER from Banbury has been jailed for sexually abusing a woman.

David Winters, of Nursery Drive, was given four concurrent sentences of six years at Oxford Crown Court for sexually assaulting a woman on four different occasions between 2008 and 2010.

A sexual offences protection order was granted by Judge Eccles against the 67-year-old and Winters was ordered to sign the Sex Offenders' Register.

Det Con Mike West said: "The victim and her family are pleased that this ordeal is now over and they can move on with their lives knowing that David Winters is serving a lengthy custodial sentence."

Crash charge

A BUS driver, whose Oxford Tube coach overturned on an M40 slip road, has denied dangerous driving.

Mark Woodward was at the wheel of the 87-seat Stagecoach vehicle when it crashed on the motorway exit at Great Milton on December 11 last year.

The 58-year-old, of Beaumaris Close, Banbury, denied the charge at Oxford Crown Court. He was bailed to stand trial on Wednesday, November 2.

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Rising prices are putting 14,000 county pensioners in crisis

Poverty fear for OAPs



John Hewer, aged 97, worried about the future

THOUSANDS of pensioners across Oxfordshire are being squeezed into poverty by rising prices and falling returns on their savings.

The charity, Age UK Oxfordshire, estimates that 14,000 of the county's 120,000 pensioners are now living at or below the poverty line.

It comes as a new report from Prudential estimates that while inflation has averaged 3.1 per cent over the past three years, over-55s have experienced price rises of 4.6 per cent because they spend more on fuel bills and less on mortgages.

At the same time, the insurance firm warned that pensioners were hit hardest because they rely on fixed incomes while prices were rising, and savings rates had collapsed to as little as 0.05 per cent.

Age UK Oxfordshire chief executive Paul Cann said: "Rising costs are a serious problem. They degrade the quality of life for older people.

"Energy costs are rocketing, food does not get any cheaper, and they find they are receiving very little to live on.

"This will get worse if pensions do not take into account the increase in prices."

Mr Cann warned there could be 150 unnecessary deaths among the elderly in Oxfordshire this winter.

He said: "Older people will make

By Liam Sloan

sacrifices. They will shiver, put a blanket on and keep the heating down below what is safe and proper because they are trying to scrimp.

"They are brilliant at being stoical and unselfish, and in the process, they go short."

The charity estimates that more than 40,000 pensioners across Oxfordshire



Paul Cann from the charity Age UK

leave £100m a year in housing benefit, council tax benefit and pension credit unclaimed mainly because they do not know they are entitled to it.

Overall, 14,000 pensioners have an income of less than 60 per cent of the average wage – equivalent to about £71 a week for a person living on their own.

Oxfordshire pensioner John Hewer, now aged 97, said: "The increase in the price of electricity and gas is frightening.

"I now have to pay out £20 a week to go the day centre, and that is a big chunk of my income.

"Everything is going up, even if it is by 5p or 10p steps. A pint of milk has gone up from 45p to 50p. It all adds up, and the future is not very good."

Fellow OAP Ron Mutton, 67, said pensioners were trapped in a "nightmare situation".

He said: "The problem is the cost of gas, electricity and water.

"The prices seem to go up and up and up, and yet the companies' profits are massive.

"Everyone I have spoken to agrees that even the cost of shopping for the staples of life – bread, milk, fruit and veg – has gone up as petrol costs have gone up.

"I've had to cut back on many things. They even rob you with the cost of a pint of beer at the end of the day."

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Exam joy for pupils

THE nervous wait was over for youngsters in Banbury as their GCSE results were finally revealed.

North Oxford Academy in Drayton Road had 49

By Oliver Evans

per cent of its 138 pupils receive five A* to C grades, including English and maths, compared to

38, 25 and 28 per cent in previous years.

Blessed George Napier School in Addison Road had 68 per cent of its 143 pupils make the grade compared to 67, 62 and 63 per cent before.

Bloxham School, in Banbury Road, did not provide this data, but 84 per cent of its 143 pupils received A* to C grades.

And Banbury School, in Ruskin Road, had its highest ever results for students achieving five A* to C, including English and maths.

Some 44 per cent of the 16-year-olds achieved the grade, compared to 40 per cent in 2010 and 2009.

One of the top students, Adrian Chan, of William Close, got two A*s, six As and two Bs.

He said: "I am pretty pleased but it was pretty much what I expected."

"I put the work in and revised but if I had put more work in I probably would have got better grades."

He now plans to stay on at the school's sixth form and take maths, further

maths, physics and biology.

Jamie Bennett, of Kedleston Rise, got one A*, five As, four Bs and one C. He also got a B in AS Government and politics.

He hit back at accusations that exams are getting easier, saying: "It's a bit condescending."

Executive head Dr Fiona Hammans said: "Very many students have excelled themselves, getting grades that looked impossible to reach at the start of the year."



Happy Banbury School pupils Emily Idzioczek, Alex Shaw and Georgia Nurden



LEFT: Sam Spijkers-Shaw jumps for joy after getting three A*s, four As and two Bs



RIGHT: Jamie Bennett looks pleased with his marks

League table

	PUPILS%	5 A*-C Eng & Maths%	5 A* to C%	English Bacc
Banbury School	202	44	81	10
Blessed George Napier	143	68	84	17
Bloxham School	73	n/a	84.3	n/a
Chipping Norton School	174	60	72	21
Kingham Hill School	45	72	81	n/a
North Ox Academy	138	49	84	4
Sibford School, Banbury	56	78.6	92.9	n/a
Tudor Hall School	56	98	100	n/a
The Warriner School	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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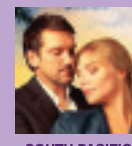
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Former head of county studies warns of lack of vision

Historians worried

about the future

HISTORIANS have warned that Oxfordshire will be left with a forgotten past because of budget cuts to the county's archive.

The Oxfordshire Local History Association, which represents more than 3,000 amateur local historians, said planned 36 per cent cuts over the next four years would reduce the archive service to a "holding operation".

Earlier this year, the county council merged the Oxfordshire Studies with the Record Office, leaving the Central Library with only a skeleton local studies section.

OLHA said there were already huge cataloguing and conservation backlogs following staffing cuts, and the loss of any more experts would have "devastating consequences".

Their words were backed by the University of Oxford's Regius Professor of History, Lyndal Roper.

Professor Roper said: "We need good archives and we owe a great debt to the wonderful archivists who have so much learning and expertise in maintaining and organising the materials."

"It is a threat to historians of the future."

The county council's former head of Oxfordshire Studies, Dr Malcolm Graham, said there was a "lack of vision" for the service at County Hall.

Dr Graham, 63, said a host of records remained locked in vaults, catalogues are incomplete, and the county

By Liam Sloan

council service was doing little to work with the University of Oxford's Bodleian Library to digitise records.

He said: "There has not been enough thought about how this service should be run."

"The council has a rather limited view of the history service as a place for a few old timers who want to go and research whatever."

"I think it is much more of a service that should be relevant to all sections of the community."

He said that heritage tourism was a growing industry, and more people wanted to access the county's unique archives.

He added: "We have already seen the merger of Oxfordshire Studies and the Record Office, which involved virtually halving the number the number of staff."

"This was more than an efficiency saving; it was a savage cut. It means a loss of a wealth of expertise and years of experience."

Gemma Watts, spokesman for Oxfordshire County Council, said: "Most service areas have been asked to make contribution to these savings – the exceptions being fire and rescue and children's social care."

"The Oxfordshire History Service has achieved efficiency savings in the past



Dr Malcolm Graham, who used to head up the county's history service

few years and has combined services to ensure the new service continues the work undertaken in the past, as well as enabling the service to be secure and even improved in the future.

"But the county council will look at the concerns raised by the Oxfordshire Local History Association."

The OLHA said further cuts to the history service would "seriously threaten its viability as anything more

than a holding operation."

Chairman Tony Hadland said: "Oxfordshire's heritage sector has been supported by hundreds of volunteers since long before the phrase 'Big Society' was coined."

"But, just as a loaf needs yeast, the preservation of our county's heritage needs a small core of highly-skilled professionals."

"That already depleted team is now under threat as never before."

News in brief

A QUIZ night will be held at Banbury Town Hall tomorrow night. Town criers and street organ grinders from across England will join teams at the contest, organised by Banbury Town Council. Cash from the evening will go to the BYHP housing charity. Tickets are £5 for a team of four people. For tickets visit The Town Hall in Bridge Street or call 01295 817312.

HOOK Norton brewery has won two prizes at the annual British Bottlers' Institute Awards. Hooky Bitter won a gold award in the class for ales up to 3.9 per cent alcohol by volume and in the packaging class Hook Norton Flagship won a diploma. The award for Hook Norton bitter is its second success of the year. In February, its beer won gold in the bottled ales category in the Brewing Industry International Awards.

ADDERBURY Parish Council has told Royal Mail it has no objections to a proposal to reposition a postbox in Rochester Way, Twyford. At present the postbox is on private land and the landowner has asked for it be moved. Royal Mail plans to move it to the opposite side of the road.

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AS the Royal British Legion celebrates 90 years of unfaltering support for service people and their families, *Debbie Waite* looks at the organisation which grew from one man's compassion and now boasts more than 5,000 members in Oxfordshire alone

Marking a milestone



Just over 90 years ago, a soldier named Lance Bombardier Tom Lister, a Lancastrian, looked at Britain and decided that something had to be done.

As a result of the war, Britain's economy had plummeted.

There were two million unemployed.

More than six million men had served in the war – but 725,000 never returned.

And of those who came back, 1.75m had suffered some kind of disability – half being permanently disabled.

Added to this were the widows and orphans and often parents who had relied on their sons financially.

In Oxfordshire, men of all ages had left families and jobs to travel overseas, many for the first time, to fight the

enemy – Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey's Ottoman Empire.

The resulting death toll was catastrophic.

The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry alone lost 5,878 men.

The Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, also known as the Oxfordshire Yeomanry, lost 150.

And the Royal Berkshire Regiment, which drew many recruits from the Vale of White Horse and towns that today lie in south Oxfordshire, lost 6,688.

Many more suffered wounds that would affect them and their families for the rest of their lives.

Lance Bombardier Lister's wish to help these families spawned an idea for a new organisation. The Royal British Legion was formed on May 15, 1921.

Its main purpose was straightforward: to care for those who had suffered as a result of theirs or a loved ones' service in the war.

Ninety years on, warfare has changed, but its legacy is still as bitter.

Defence cuts, the economic crisis and disability mean many service personnel are returning to the same hardships their comrades faced 90 years ago.

Which is why, according to the Legion's county manager, Linda Flecknell, their work is more important than ever.

Mrs Flecknell said: "As we celebrate our history we face challenges too."

"Many young service leavers will be embarking on civilian life in the most difficult economic times in recent history."



The Royal British Legion's county manager, Linda Flecknell

"At the same time, the ageing World War II generation's need for help will also be at its peak."

A large chunk of the

money funding the RBL's work comes from Oxfordshire's RBL branches – 50 in Oxfordshire with 3,800 members.

These people, says Linda Flecknell, are the real driving force behind the RBL.

But many of these branches face their own battles – older members are being lost and not replaced by younger servicemen.

● The Royal British Legion will celebrate its 90th birthday by attempting to raise £90m for the Legion's continued work. For details of events and how you can get involved go to: britishlegion.org.uk



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Health chief resigns

THE chief of Oxfordshire's health services has resigned after just six months in her post.

Sonia Mills, who joined NHS Oxfordshire as chief executive in March 2010, has stepped down "due to personal reasons".

Ms Mills was six months into a new role as head of the Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire NHS "Cluster".

The cluster is a temporary commissioning body.

It was formed earlier this year, when the primary care trusts for Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire merged, and will oversee changes for the reorganisation of the NHS in 2013, when GPs will take over

commissioning under the Government's Health Reforms Bill.

Fred Hucker, chairman of the Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire NHS Cluster, said: "Sonia has been chief executive of NHS Oxfordshire since early 2010 and for the Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Cluster over the past six months."

"She has contributed significantly to the health system throughout both counties and has established a sound basis for the current transitional activities within the NHS nationally."

"She will be missed within our two counties and on behalf of the board and all parts of the health system."

Man changed plea to guilty at trial 'Cowboy' roofer escapes jail

A COWBOY roofer who fleeced a pensioner and then 'referred' her to his nephew who also ripped her off has escaped being jailed.

Ruben Shepherd, 39, of Hapley Road, Chipping Norton, had pleaded not guilty to a total of six charges of fraud and deception.

His case had been adjourned for trial, at which it was thought his frail 92-year-old victim would not have been fit enough to give evidence.

But during a hearing at Birmingham Crown Court, Shepherd changed his pleas on two charges of deception and one of fraud to guilty, which was accepted by the prosecution.

The court heard that in November 2006, Shepherd had

By Tim Hobden

obtained £650 from the old lady after falsely claiming he had re-bedded and re-pointed 27 ridge roof tiles at her home in Tennyson Road, Stratford.

Just eight days later, he obtained a further £1,950 from her by claiming that it was a fair price for further work he had carried out to the roof.

Then, in June 2007, Shepherd presented the pensioner with an invoice claiming that he had replaced roof tiles, when in fact he had not carried out the work.

He was sentenced to 48 weeks in prison, suspended for two years, and was ordered to do 240 hours of unpaid work and to pay

a total of £1,740 compensation to his victim.

At an earlier hearing prosecutor Tony Watkin revealed that Shepherd had also referred the pensioner to his nephew Stephen Kerry because she wanted some work doing on her drive, which he told her he did not do.

And in May this year, Kerry, 21, of Beeches Mobile Home Park, Chipping Norton, was also given a suspended sentence for defrauding the pensioner over the work he had carried out on the drive.

He was sentenced to six months in prison, suspended for two years, and ordered to do 120 hours of unpaid work and to pay £850 compensation to their elderly victim.

Runners turn out for Hooky 6



Runners prepare for the start of the six-mile race, inset, winner Tom Fisher

NEARLY 300 runners took part in Hooky 6, the annual race around Hook Norton.

Runners set off on the six-mile run from The Bourne, and finished on the cricket pitch next to Hook Norton sports and social club.

The run, now in its 26th year, was organised by Hook Norton Harriers. Tom Fisher, of Avon Valley Running Club, was the winner, in a time of 31min 37secs. The Hooky 6 record time of 29min 52sec was set about ten years ago.

Club secretary Dee Hailey said: "It was a lovely day for it and it's a great social event for the village.

"People gather for picnics and there's a real village fete atmosphere.

"Runners complete two laps of an undulating course which goes out into the countryside."

Club runners pay £8 to enter while non-club runners pay £10 and Hooky 6 is one of the club's main fundraisers. There were 279 finishers and each person who enters gets a T-shirt and goody bag. There was also a mile-long junior race for under 12s, with Matthew Locke, nine, from Witney, the winner and Nawal Elkirate, ten, from Oxford, the first girl to finish.

New leader for Salvation Army in Banbury

XANDER Coleman has taken over as leader of The Salvation Army in George Street.

The 25-year-old has worked for the Salvation Army in Australia and Canada and

has spent two years training at its HQ in London.

The Banbury church was previously led by Pauline Milner, who is now working for the charity in Harrow, London.

Mr Coleman said: "We as The Salvation Army in Banbury want to be the answer to our prayers by demonstrating God's love for the community, especially those who are struggling."



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Abuse of trust charge

A MAN appeared before magistrates last week, accused of voyeurism and sexual assault involving three of his young pupils.

Joshua Plank was charged with abuse in a position of trust in that he sexually molested a 13-year-old boy. The assault was said to have happened between December 1 and New Year's Eve last year.

It was also alleged the 24-year-old observed two pupils doing a private act for the purpose of his own sexual gratification, JPs at Banbury

Magistrates' Court heard.

The first incident was said to have happened between May 31 and July 1 last year, with the other voyeurism charge alleged to have happened on February 18.

Plank, of Clouds Hill, Signet, near Burford, was granted bail with the condition that he must not contact any of the nine witnesses involved in the case.

He was ordered to appear before magistrates again at the same court on October 4.

New campaign is launched as skin cancer cases soar

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Ian and Jaki Munday with son Callum and daughter Ruby Jess

A BANBURY mother, who battled skin cancer, has been chosen to front a national sun awareness campaign after figures revealed soaring cases of skin cancer across the county.

Jaki Munday, 39, from Banbury was diagnosed with potentially fatal malignant melanoma in 2004.

The warehouse assistant and mum to Callum, 11 and Ruby, aged five, went to her GP after finding an abnormal mole.

It was a decision which probably saved her life.

She explained: "It looked like a piece of skin filled with fluid. It was smooth and pale looking, and didn't have any of the usual signs of being cancerous, such as itching, changing colour or bleeding, but I knew it wasn't right. So I insisted on being referred to hospital to have it checked out.

Mrs Munday's worst fears were to prove valid when just a few weeks

By Debbie Waite

later she was told the mole she had been concerned about was indeed cancerous.

After having a lymph node removed, Mrs Munday and her family were horrified to learn the cancer may have spread.

But a further 20 lymph nodes removed from her neck were eventually found to be all clear from cancer.

She said: "I don't blame anyone for not thinking that my moles were not cancerous, they didn't show any of the usual signs which makes it more scary really.

"It is important for people to know their own body and not be afraid to insist on getting something checked out they are worried about."

In July, the Annual Oxfordshire Health Profile revealed that the number of cases of skin cancer in the county is significantly higher than

average, with 23 cases diagnosed per 100,000 people, compared to an average of 13 per 100,000 across the country.

Mrs Munday said her own experience of skin cancer made her want to raise awareness about the hazards of sunburn. And that is why she and her children and husband, Ian, also 39, have teamed up with Cancer Research UK to promote their SunSmart campaign.

Cancer Research UK spokesman Helen Johnstone said: "During the summer the desire to look tanned will encourage many young people to use sunbeds prior to soaking up the sun on the beach.

"Yet using sunbeds and sun worshipping can carry very real risks of premature aging and skin cancer, especially if you get burnt."

Cancer Research UK's SunSmart campaign aims to encourage people to take steps to avoid sunburn this summer –

avoiding sunbeds, using shade and covering up at the hottest parts of the day, and using at least factor 15 sunscreen regularly.

More information is available at: www.sunsmart.org.uk

Skin Cancer – the signs:

- Changes in the size, shape or colour of a mole, freckle or patch of skin
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- A spot, mole or sore that itches or hurts
- A mole or growth that bleeds, crusts or scabs
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'We can't have it taken away. OAPs would be lost without it'

Dot's concern over dial-a-ride

By Oliver Evans

WITH a helping hand from dial-a-ride driver Colin Edmunds, Banbury pensioner Dot Wilkins gets on board for her weekly trip to the supermarket.

Yet she is concerned at news the Cherwell district service will be cut back because of council funding changes.

At the moment, the service — which picks up OAPs and the disabled from their homes — is managed by Oxfordshire's five district councils.

Each provides a different level of service for its residents, with no service at all in South Oxfordshire.

But when Oxfordshire County Council takes over dial-a-ride management in April, it means resources will be spread more evenly.

Council transport boss Rodney Rose said: "It would be unrealistic to assume that Cherwell's dial-a-ride will remain at the high level it is at the moment.

"We can't put more into Cherwell than South Oxfordshire and the Vale district, that isn't how a county-funded organisation works."

South Oxfordshire's service will improve while Oxford, Vale and West Oxfordshire will "remain about the same" said Mr Rose, cabinet member for transport.

Cherwell District Council is to cut its £187,000 contribution to the service, with the inevitable reduction in service, he said.

The district council was not available for comment.

Mrs Wilkins gets the service every Wednesday and Friday to see her husband of 63 years, Arthur, at Lake House care home, five miles away in Adderbury.

The 82-year-old, who also gets a two-mile trip to Morrisons supermarket every Thursday, said: "If they take it off, these old people won't be able to afford £5 for a taxi.

"There are a lot of people on their own and they look forward to doing their shopping because they meet other people and have a chat on the bus.

"We can't have it taken away. I don't know what will happen if they do. They would be lost without it."

The council expects to make a decision on which organisations will get dial-a-ride contracts by Christmas.

Brian Price, manager of the Banburyshire Community Transport Association, which runs the Cherwell service, said: "We will go out of business unless adequate grant funding is found from somewhere. We could only be serving the towns and villages."

He said the loss of the 26-year-old organisation, which has ten buses, would be "devastating" for the district, which has

Dot Wilkins is helped aboard the dial-a-ride service by driver Colin Edmunds



about 8,300 residents aged 75 and over.

He said: "Most of our people will just lose the service and they will sit at home and look at the walls." He urged a county decision on contracts by November.

The three other districts use Octabus, run by Walter's Limousines.

West Oxfordshire

District Council — which has about 7,400 pensioners aged 75 and over in its area — contributes £29,400 and that is under review.

Oxford City Council, which has about 8,800 aged 75 and over, puts in £67,000.

Vale of White Horse District Council — where about 8,800 are 75 and over — puts in

£30,480. It pledged similar funding next year.

Disabled and elderly people are entitled to a concessionary bus pass offering free travel, including dial-a-ride services.

The county last year proposed ending free dial-a-ride travel but backed down after an outcry.

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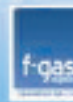
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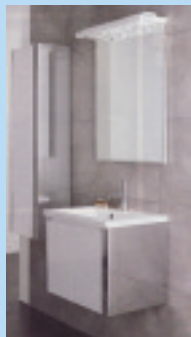
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MORE than 160 operations were cancelled at the last minute at Oxfordshire hospitals between April and June. Government figures show the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Trust, which runs the Horton, as well as the John Radcliffe and Churchill hospitals, cancelled 168 operations with 24 hours notice or less within the period. Two of those patients were not seen within 28 days of the last-minute cancellation.

£36,000 scheme saves county council £250,000 – so far

New permits halt rubbish abuse

By Oliver Evans

LESS rubbish is being dumped at county tips after council bosses moved to stop “white van man” abusing the service.

Oxfordshire County Council said waste left at its eight household waste recycling centres had fallen by 14 per cent since permits were introduced for van and trailer owners.

The free permits are required by residents with “commercial-type” vehicles so they can prove they are not using them on business.

They were introduced in November to stop commercial waste being illegally off-loaded.

And the council said concerns that the move would lead to an increase in fly-tipping have proven unfounded, with illegal dumping down between November and March.

A council report said: “This means it is now easier to access household waste recycling centres, along with less time spent queuing.”

The 3,900 tonne drop in waste from November to June saved the council – which has responsibility for disposing of household waste – some £250,000, it said.

This is set against £20,000 annual running costs of the scheme and £36,000 set-up costs.

But the council said a grace period before the rule was fully applied from February 1 led to “an increased level of verbal and physical abuse directed at the site operatives”.

It adds: “Where possible Oxfordshire County Council has contacted those residents who are perpetrators of this abuse and in some circumstances the police have also been contacted.”

No charges have been brought so far.

Owen Morton, a spokesman for the Conservative-controlled



council, said: “We are pleased that the scheme has been successfully introduced and is having a positive impact in cracking down on illegally deposited waste and saving Oxfordshire taxpayers money.”

Liberal Democrat group waste spokesman Anne Purse said: “It is really good news.

“It is important that we shouldn’t be supporting people using the centres for commercial waste.”

“Commercial type” vehicles (weighing less than 3.5 tonnes when stocked with waste) and trailers (1.8m to 3m in length) need a permit.

Homes can only have one

permit, though the option of allowing more than one vehicle per permit is being explored by the authority.

Permit holders are limited to 12 trips a year in that vehicle.

Bosses hope the scheme will become paperless by use of BlackBerry handheld devices at sites.

The council runs centres at Banbury, as well as at Ardley, Old Abingdon Road in Oxford, Drayton, Crowmarsh, Stanton Harcourt, Stanford in the Vale and Chadlington.

The latter two will close in September to save £750,000, though a “super tip” will open in Kidlington next year.

Broadband’s £3.86m pledge

THE Government has announced a £3.86m investment to improve broadband speeds in rural Oxfordshire.

The cash is part of a £362m package to improve connections across the country.

Oxfordshire County Council and Oxfordshire Enterprise Partnership will be in charge of introducing broadband across the county, and will have to draw up a

delivery plan and find match-funding to the Government cash.

Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt said: “Fast broadband is absolutely vital to our economic growth, to delivering public services effectively, and to conducting our every day lives.

“But some areas of the UK are missing out, with many rural and hard-to-reach communities suffering painfully slow Internet

connections or no coverage at all.

“We are not prepared to let some parts of our country get left behind in the digital age.”

The new money should ensure that 90 per cent of homes and businesses will have access to superfast broadband by 2015.

The Countryside Alliance said the new cash would provide a “massive boost” to the rural economy.

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SHOPS in Banbury's old town have been celebrating after winning a contest for the best dressed window. The charity shop section was won by Helen and Douglas House, in White Lion Walk, with the RSPCA as runner-up. The retail section saw four joint winners. These were Banbury Sewing Centre, fashion store Kt-lu's, Rebel and Sweet Celebrations.

PEOPLE are being urged to put next year's date for the Adderbury Party in the Park in their diary to avoid clashes. The annual free event takes place on **Saturday, June 30, 2012**. For more information view adderburyevents.co.uk

GYM Fighting Fit is holding an open day to celebrate its tenth anniversary. People will be able to drop in to the gym in Power Park, Banbury, from 10am to 2pm, on Saturday, for a series of taster sessions. These include karate, kick boxing, circuit training, use of a climbing wall, weight training and self defence. Everyone who goes along will be entered into a prize draw to win 12 months membership. For more information call 07545 233525 or view fighting-fit.net

Catalytic converters snatched as rare metal prices soar

Car parts targeted by thieves

By Laura Jones

ORGANISED gangs and opportunist thieves are stealing scores of catalytic converters from cars throughout the county.

The latest statistics released by Thames Valley Police show the number of thefts in Oxfordshire has risen from seven in 2009/10 to 92 last year.

But 59 have already been torn from cars between April and June so far this year.

The force's crime reduction officer, Nick Gilbert, said the global economy's appetite for metal had increased the value of scrap, pushing up prices and making the crime a lucrative criminal venture.

He explained: "There's a lack of the elements that are going into catalytic converters – palladium, rhodium and platinum.

"For the industry to get enough to sustain the car market there has to be recycling, which is giving catalytic converters that are

outside of their lifespan a value and criminals are latching on to that."

He said that thefts from driveways and car parks were still rare, but delivery companies and businesses with a fleet of vehicles were targeted more often.

"They have lots of vehicles parked overnight, so the criminals can steal a lot in one go," he explained.

Chris Jones, from National Tyres and Autocare, said his garage had helped many victims of the theft.

He said: "We have had quite a few people coming in to have their catalytic converters replaced after they have been stolen.

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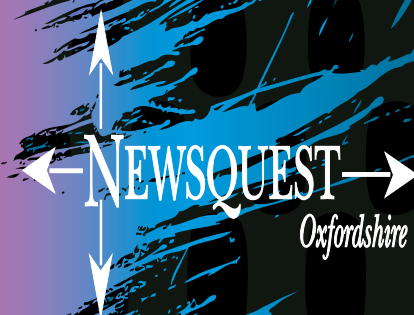
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The Switchover Help Scheme has been especially designed around the needs of older and disabled people and can make switching to digital TV easier for them. If someone is eligible for help, the Help Scheme will have already written to them at their home address. But did you know:

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NATorigin ANNOUNCE NEW BRAND AMBASSADOR



Multi award-winning natural and organic cosmetic and skin care company NATorigin are delighted to announce that they are now working with TV Presenter Gail Porter. Gail has joined the NATorigin family as a brand ambassador and will be working to promote the range. A sufferer herself of sensitive eyes and skin, Gail is a keen advocate of these products.

James Sutton, MD of NATorigin, seen here with Gail, comments: "Gail Porter is such an inspirational woman, we are delighted to be working with her to help promote the NATorigin brand. Gail represents our target market well as someone who knows from first-hand experience the problems sensitive skin and eyes can cause, but is also mindful of the chemical load some beauty products contain. NATorigin ticks all these boxes being free-from common chemical nasties and approved by Allergy UK. We hope to work with Gail regularly over the coming years."

Brand Ambassador Gail Porter says: "I have really sensitive skin and have to be very careful what I use, so I'm really excited to be working with NATorigin. I've tried many products over the years that claim to work on sensitive eyes and skin, but this range actually does what it says and not only looks great, but feels great on my skin."

This is the first natural range formulated to comply with both the environment and the consumer's needs. It is currently the only cosmetics or skincare range approved by Allergy UK making it the first choice for people with sensitive skin and eyes. The product range covers eye/face/lips make-up, hand and nail care, skin care and accessories and is affordable for the everyday consumer with prices starting

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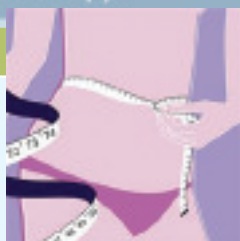
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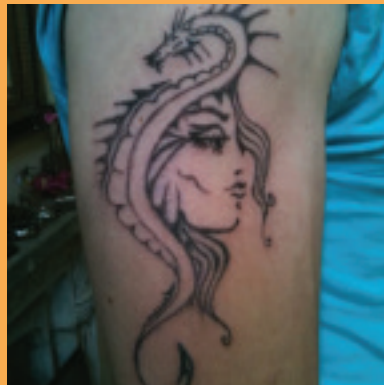
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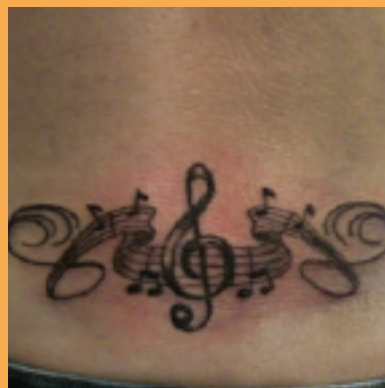
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Reiki is a form of complimentary therapy that has been helping people with both physical and emotional issues for centuries. Reiki treatments can help to rebalance a persons energy which aids the body's natural healing process, whether in a physical or an emotional way. It will leave its clients feeling more relaxed and calm.

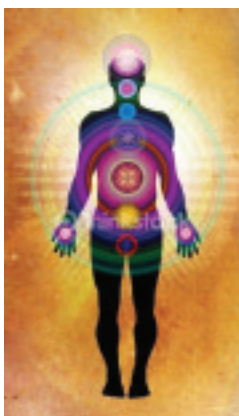
Middleton Cheney has its own resident Reiki Master/Teacher. Renee from Urban Angelz works with many people across Banbury and its surrounding areas and also offers training courses to teach others how to work with their own energy to promote wellbeing. In her classes she explains to her students how the free and balanced flow of energy around the body is the main reason for our health. When the energy flow is disrupted it causes diminished functioning of our tissues and organs. Therefore, it is a disruption of our energy flow that causes illness. Energy is also responsible for our thoughts and feelings and ancient eastern philosophy



would suggest that physical ailments are caused by mental and emotional issues.

Students and clients of Urban Angelz are taught of the 7 primary Chakras. Each of the major

chakras is linked to the major nerve ganglia along the spine or central energy column. Unhealthy lifestyles, ill health and emotional problems can affect the chakras and cause them to either fall out of frequency or become blocked. This interferes with our body's energy flow and leads to further physical and emotional problems. Most people cannot see the chakras and as a result may be



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In previous columns I explained that you would need to perform many hours of jogging, cycling, swimming, walking or other forms of cardio activity each week to lose weight. I know how surprised many people are when told that to lose

even one pound of weight by jogging, they would need to jog for four to five hours! Other forms of cardio would take even longer!

That is not to say that other forms of exercise won't help you to lose weight and this month I want to explain why Isometric exercise will not only help you to slim down but can ensure that you lose inches in all the right places. When combined with more conventional Resistance training the effect can be incredible.

As I explained previously, I call my programme **Resisted Tension** which integrates resistance training with Isometrics. If you are doing this at home you will need to focus on Isometrics and omit the resistance exercise. You can still expect great results.

Why does this simple method work so well? It is because our muscles burn most of the calories that we spend so anything that would make our muscles burn more calories twenty four seven would be highly beneficial to a slimmer. And that is exactly what Isometric exercise does.

Our muscles are made up of a large number of fibres and these are either 'switched on' or 'switched off' at any one

time. Some fibres are switched on permanently even while we are asleep. Others are only switched on when we need to use that muscle to perform a task. Isometric muscle squeezing exercise will (if performed regularly) gradually 'switch on' more fibres permanently. The muscle is now stronger and more toned. You look better and you are burning more calories. A competitive body builder with lots more muscle than any one else, can burn up more than seven thousand calories every day without performing any cardio activity at all and their body fat can be as low as 4% of their total weight. That compares very favourably with most slimmers who often have a body fat percentage in excess of 30%.

So there it is. Isometric and resistance exercise will tighten, tone and strengthen your muscles in all the right places, helping you to lose inches and look lean and mean!

Each month I will be giving you an Isometric exercise for a different body part. Within a few weeks you will be tightening and toning the whole body. Later, if you want even faster inch loss you will need to add some Resistance exercise to your programme, but let's take one thing at a time shall we?

This month's Isometric exercise is for that annoying problem that so many women complain of at the back of the upper arms. Some people unkindly refer to them as 'bingo wings'. If you have this problem you will know what I mean. Even if your arms are not heading south it is still worth doing this exercise to keep your arms in great shape.

TRICEP DIPS

Stand with your back to the seat of a solid chair (one that won't tip over) and touch your thumbs together behind your Back. Now bend your knees to allow you to place both thumbs on the edge of the seat keeping your arms straight.

Now slowly lower your bottom towards the floor by bending your arms at the elbow keeping both feet firmly in place. Once your thighs are horizontal, stop and hold the position for seven seconds. Then straighten your arms to return to the start position, pause for a few seconds and repeat twelve times. You will soon feel this exercise at the back of your upper arms (the Triceps muscles) and not only will this tighten and tone your upper arms but it will strengthen them too.

Perform **Tricep Dips** each day along with the **Tummy Tucks** and **Gluteal Squeeze** exercises which I gave you in previous weeks and you are well on the way to a better figure. We will be adding other Isometric exercises as we go along but these three alone will make a significant difference.

DIET TIP

This month I want you to continue with the first two tips and increase your intake of water. It has been shown that feelings of hunger are often caused by dehydration (not hunger) so this week let's find out shall we? I want you to drink a minimum of eight glasses of water each day. Pop some ice in the glass and a slice of lemon and convince yourself that you are drinking a refreshing vodka and tonic (or your favourite tipple)!

Whenever you feel hungry and twenty minutes before each meal drink at least one glass of vodka & tonic..... sorry, I meant water!

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In her role as UK Creative Director for La Biosthetique, Beverley Bates is responsible for teaching these new styles to all La Bio salons in the UK through a series of demonstrations and

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You can expect to see some pictures of the Beverley and the Team in the weeks to come.

However, these 'Dynamic' cutting-edge styles only act as the starting-point, they are never used as a direct copy in the salon but are adapted to suit the individual. This is the secret behind Ekko's success which is all about 'personal designing.'

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 <h4>Hatton Country Park</h4>  <p>Hidden away in the rolling hills of Warwickshire is Hatton Country Park where a warm welcome awaits you at their Shopping Village in converted Victorian Farm buildings.</p> <p>With over 20 shops, 2 restaurants and the new Garden Centre, you can do your Christmas shopping while watching the Farm Village stars perform in the Nativity show.</p> 	<h4>Blackpool Illuminations & Pleasure Beach (2 nights)</h4>  <p>This is your chance to enjoy a short break in Blackpool taking in the sights of the famous Illuminations, Promenades and Piers.</p> <p>Sample everything Blackpool has to offer with a nice relaxing break by the sea.</p> <p>The hotel is on the Central Promenade, just a few yards from the start of the Golden Mile and 5 minutes from the town centre, the perfect location to explore to your heart's content</p> <p>*PLEASE BOOK BY 20/09/11*</p> 	<h4>Aladdin!!</h4>  <p>This awesome spectacular is showing at the Derrigate in Northampton.</p> <p>Starring Bobby Davro, Basil Brush, Brian Fortuna and Jeffrey Holland (Hi-De-Hi) as the fantastic Dame Widow Twankey</p> <p>This is sure to be a fantastic evening for all ages, but who'll be shouting</p> <p>"He's behind you" on the coach?</p> <p>*PLEASE BOOK BY 5/11/11*</p>	<h4>Westfield Shopping Centre, Shepherds Bush, London</h4>  <p>Westfield covers an area equivalent to approximately 30 football pitches and is home to more than 300 stores.</p> <p>With its mix and match of designer and high street labels for all luxury lovers, featuring premium brands, from the world's leading fashion houses, hot designers and chic boutiques, there is sure to be something for everyone.</p> <p>Eating and drinking is all part of the Westfield experience. Whether it's a light snack or a gourmet 3 course meal it's all under the same roof, so relax for a few minutes a treat yourself to a wonderful lunch while wondering which shops to visit next!!</p> <p>We'll make sure there's plenty of space in the boot for your purchases.</p>	<h4>Milton Keynes Shopping</h4>  <p>Spend a day Christmas shopping without the worry of parking at the wonderful Centre MK. There are plenty of stores and the general market stalls are only a whisker away.</p> <p>You're sure to get everything you need.</p> 
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Destination	Events at destination	Adult	Senior	Price Child	Baby	Code	Date
Shepherds Bush, London	Westfield Shopping Centre	£23.00	£20.00	£20.00	Free	C	15/10/11
Blackpool Illuminations (3 days)	Illuminations & Pleasure Beach	£165.00	£125.00	£95.00	Free	CH (HB)	18-20/10/11
Milton Keynes	Shopping Centre	£12.00	£10.00	£10.00	Free	C	26/10/11
Slimbridge Wildfowl & Wetlands Centre	Myths & Legends	£23.00	£21.00	£19.00	Free	CE	28/10/11
Black Country Living Museum	Vintage Vehicles	£28.00	£23.00	£23.00	Free	CE	05/11/11
Cambridge	Farmers, Art & Crafts Market	£18.00	£15.00	£15.00	Free	C	06/11/11
Birmingham	Frankfurt Christmas Market	£18.00	£16.00	£16.00	Free	C	19/11/11
Turkey & Tinsel (5 days)	Skegness, Lincoln & Ingoldmells Market	£225.00	£225.00	£225.00	Free	CH (HB)	21-25/11/11
Gloucester Quays	Christmas Shopping & Docks	£15.00	£12.00	£12.00	Free	C	26/11/11
Hatton Country World	Christmas Fayre	£14.00	£11.00	£11.00	Free	C	27/11/11
Quainton Railway Centre	Thomas and Santa Special	£35.00	£32.00	£32.00	Free	CT	03/12/11
Lincoln Market	Christmas Market	£33.00	£29.00	£29.00	Free	C	04/12/11
Derrigate, Northampton	Aladdin Pantomime	£30.00	£28.00	£28.00	Free	CE	10/12/11
Westonbirt Arboretum	Enchanted Christmas	£28.00	£25.00	£25.00	Free	CE	18/12/11
Boulogne & Wimeraux		£65.00	£55.00	£50.00	Free	C	18/02/12

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Monday to Saturday exc. Bank Holidays					Monday to Saturday exc. Bank Holidays					Monday to Saturday exc. Bank Holidays					Monday to Saturday excluding Bank Holidays				
Fare Stage T1A					Fare Stage T1A					Fare Stage T2A									
Bridge St	07.30	10.00	13.00	16.30	Bicester Village	08.30	11.00	14.00	18.15	Banbury Bridge Street	-	-	09.50	11.15	13.30	17.38			
Calthorpe St	07.34	10.04	13.04	16.34	Bure Place	08.34	11.04	14.04	18.19	Brackley M/Place	-	08.45	10.15	11.40	13.55	18.05			
Horton Hospital	07.36	10.06	13.06	16.36	Banbury Road	08.38	11.08	14.08	18.23	Brackley Tesco	-	-	10.17	11.42	-	-			
Bodicote	07.38	10.08	13.08	16.38	Bucknall	08.42	11.12	14.12	18.27	Brackley M/Place	07.00	08.50	-	-	14.00	-			
Twyford Turn	07.40	10.10	13.10	16.40	Ardley	08.48	11.18	14.18	18.33	Banbury Road	-	08.52	10.19	11.44	-	-			
Kings Sutton	07.44	10.14	13.14	16.44	Fewcott	08.49	11.19	14.19	18.34	Manor Road	-	08.53	10.20	11.45	-	-			
Aynho	07.50	10.20	13.20	16.50	Fritwell	08.52	11.22	14.22	18.37	Waynflete Ave	-	08.55	10.22	11.47	-	-			
Fritwell	07.57	10.27	13.27	16.57	Aynho	08.59	11.29	14.29	18.44	Pavillons Way/	-	08.58	10.25	11.50	-	-			
Fewcott	08.00	10.30	13.30	17.00	Kings Sutton	09.05	11.35	14.35	18.50	Humphries Dr.	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Ardley	08.01	10.31	13.31	17.01	Twyford Turn	09.09	11.39	14.39	18.54	Stuart Road	-	09.00	10.27	11.52	-	-			
Bucknall	08.07	10.37	13.37	17.07	Bodicote	09.11	11.41	14.41	18.56	Martial Daire/	-	09.02	10.29	11.54	-	-			
Banbury Road	08.11	10.41	13.41	17.11	Horton Hospital	09.13	11.43	14.43	18.58	Bayards Brow	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Bure Place	08.15	10.45	13.45	17.15	Calthorpe St	09.15	11.45	14.45	19.00	Surgery/	-	09.03	10.30	11.55	-	-			
Bicester Village	08.19	10.49	13.49	17.19	Bridge St	09.19	11.49	14.49	19.04	Leisure Centre	-	-	-	-	-	-			
										Pavillons Way /	-	09.06	10.33	11.58	-	-			
										Magdalen Me.	-	-	-	-	-	-			
										Halse Rd.	-	09.07	10.34	11.59	-	-			
										Health Centre	-	-	-	-	-	-			
										Church Road	-	09.08	10.35	12.00	-	-			
										Valley Road	-	09.09	10.36	12.01	-	-			
										Burwell Hill	-	09.11	10.38	12.03	-	-			
										St Rumbolds	-	09.13	10.40	12.05	-	-			
										Westminster Cres	-	09.14	10.41	12.06	-	-			
										Roman Way	-	09.15	10.42	12.07	-	-			
										Brackley Tesco	-	09.18	10.45	12.10	-	-			
										Brackley M/Place	-	09.20	10.47	13.00	-	-			
										Banbury Bridge Street	07.20	09.45	11.12	13.25	14.25	-			
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Charming tale of growing up

THE ART OF GETTING BY

(12A, 83 mins)
Drama/Romance/Comedy.
Freddie Highmore, Emma Roberts, Michael Angarano, Elizabeth Reaser, Sam Robards, Rita Wilson, Blair Underwood, Alicia Silverstone. Director: Gavin Wiesen.

"HAPPINESS is something you have to look after, be vigilant about," tenderly advises a mother in Gavin Wiesen's impressive debut feature.

The writer-director has been vigilant about ensuring our happiness with this touching coming-of-age story, crafting detailed characters and dialogue that we believe in from the opening frame.

Admittedly, the plot is predictable and many big-screen teenagers have stumbled and fallen just like the laconic hero of Wiesen's imagination, who describes himself as "the Teflon slacker".

However, what *The Art Of Getting By* lacks in originality, it makes up for in sincerity and bittersweet charm.

Fatalistic high school student

George Zinavoy (Freddie Highmore) doesn't see any point in completing class assignments and the socially awkward loner is on the verge of failing to graduate.

"I have a real problem with motivating but I'll try," he tells Principal Martinson (Blair Underwood), not really believing those words himself.

When his mother Vivian (Rita Wilson) and step-father Jack (Sam Robards) discover he is on academic probation, George convinces them that there is no need to worry. He just needs to apply himself.

By chance, George crosses paths with Sally (Emma Roberts) and he takes the blame and the punishment for her transgression during school hours.

In return, she introduces George to a world of parties and colour he never knew existed.

He also finds a mentor for his artistic endeavours in painter Dustin (Michael Angarano) – a school alumnus, who is immediately taken with Sally.

"You like her?" Dustin asks George. "You should like her if

you don't."

The Art Of Getting By is a charming and moving portrait of growing pains, distinguished by a compelling lead performance from Highmore as a boy on the cusp of manhood.

The actor doesn't strike one false note getting beneath the skin of his disenfranchised and painfully lonely misfit.

He looks awkward in his own company and anguish ripples across his face when Sally diffuses any possible sexual tension by telling George up front, "You're my only real friend. Let's not ruin it."

Angarano and Underwood offer solid support as mentors, who either disappoint George or provide him with a shocking ultimatum to shake him out of the fug.

The stuttering romance with Roberts carouses us between smiles and tears, and crucially, Wiesen draws together the narrative threads without resorting too readily to hoary clichés and sickly sentiment.

His first film doesn't just "get by" – it courts and steadily wins our affections.



.Freddie Highmore, as George, in a scene from *The Art Of Getting By*

Cinema

Corn Exchange, Newbury: Beginners, 15, Fri 2.30, 8.15pm, Sat 12.45pm, 6.05, 8.30pm, Sun 3.40pm, Tue-Thu 6.05pm, Thu 8.30pm. Bobby Fischer Against The World, 12A, Fri 6.05pm, Wed 8.30pm, Thu 2.30pm. To The Bawl (for those with babies to 18mths): Beginners, 15, Wed 11am. Poetry, 12A, Sat 2.10pm, Sun 12.45pm, 6pm, Tue 2.30, 8.25pm. Silver Screen: Beginners, 15, Mon 2.30pm. Box office 01635 522733.

Corn Exchange, Market Place, Wallingford: Mr Popper's Penguins, PG, Fri-Sat 7.30pm. A Separation, PG, Sun 7.30pm. Countdown To Zero, PG, Mon 7.30pm. Incendies, 15, Tue 7.30pm (French, Arabic and English, subtitled). Life In A Day, 12A, Wed 7.30pm. A Comedy of Power, 15, Thu 7.30pm. Box office: 01491 825000 (Fri-Sat 11am-12pm, 7.30-9pm).

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Regal, 2 Boroma Way, Henley: Call box office: 08707 551245 (9.30-8.30pm).

The Screen at the Square, Corn Exchange, Market Square, Witney: Beginners, 15, Mon, Wed 7.30pm. Box office: 01865 880645.

The Theatre, 2 Spring Street, Chipping Norton: Beginners, 15, Wed 7.30pm. Cinema Bambino: Beginners, 15, Thu 10.30am. Please see Theatre website for the appeal for the Chippy Cinema Reloaded campaign. Box office: 01608 642350 (Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-2pm).

Ultimate Picture Palace, Jeune Street, Cowley Road, Oxford: In A Better World, 15, Fri-Sat, Mon, Wed 9pm, Sun 6pm, Tue, Thu 6.45pm. Yumurta (Egg), U, Fri 7pm, Sat 5pm, Sun 8.30pm. Süt (Milk), 12A, Sat, Wed 7pm, Tue, Thu 9.15pm. His Girl Friday, U, Sun 4pm, Mon 7pm. Box office: 01865 245288.

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AFFECTION CONNECTION Active, outgoing female, 26, GSOH, enjoys keeping fit, cinema, socialising, cosy nights in, seeking an honest, caring male, not afraid to show affection, for dates and possibly more. Oxford Box 111545 £

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE Tall, dark-haired Russian girl, 26, looking for a professional gent for romance and friendship. Oxford area. Box 110573 £

GO WILD Oxford based mum, 38, 5ft6, blue eyes, short brunette hair, medium build, divorced, works hard, independent, loves socialising, seeks male to enjoy simple life with. Box 468548

SHARE COMPANY Bubbly, hard-working female, 40, single mum, short brown hair & brown eyes, like cinema, eating out, reading & the odd nights out. Chippenhams/Wiltshire Box 111845 £

LOVE SONNETS Slim, educated, attractive mixed-race female, 41, enjoys the arts, travel and literature, searching for a solvent, educated gent, 40-60, 5'7", for friendship and maybe more. Box 111110

LOVE TO TALK Dark-eyed Wiltshire girl, 42, 5'2", enjoys nights out, movies and more, searching for an independent gent, to cosy times and conversation. Box 113059 £

SOUND GOOD? Fun, curvy female, 42, brunette, green eyes, looking for genuine, loving guy. I am caring person with gosh. Likes dining in and out animals. Box 852093 £

NOTHING MORE TO ASK FOR 43yr old short haired lady, medium build, Wallingford based, loves family life, animals, keeping fit, gardening, cooking, driving, seeks honest, caring man for tlc. Box 107602 £

CHAT'S ENTERTAINMENT Nice, chatty female, 45, enjoys playing/watching sports, country pubs, walks, travel, seeks understanding man, for good times and more. Swindon Box 100374 £

LOTS OF FUN Blonde, cuddly female, 47, 5'4", pastry chef, with children, searching for a youthful chap, to share life with. Box 113078 £

SMOOTH MOVE Slim, blue-eyed Trowbridge female, 47, 5'2", GSOH, easy to get on with, enjoys nights out, walks and more, searching for an honest, active, interesting man. Box 109958 £

OUR MOMENT Lovely, hardworking, petite woman, 47, likes socialising, city pubs, eating out, seeks similar guy, for fun, laughter & hopefully more. Oxford. Box 102616

SHARING THE GOOD TIMES Cheerful female, 48, blonde, hazel eyes, medium build, live & work in Swindon, enjoys travelling, dining in & out, wlm spontaneous guy, for good times. Box 101568 £

NEW DIRECTION Swindon girl, 48, 5'5", med build, blonde, enjoys travel, skiing, town life and socialising, searching for an equally interesting man. Box 108306 £

LET'S GO AWAY TOGETHER Divorced, outgoing, friendly woman, 49, likes cinema, pubs, nights in, seeks similar chap, for friendship leading to more. Chippenhams/Wiltshire. Box 112320 £

I'LL TREAT YOU RIGHT Separated female, 53, gsoh, likes going out, socialising, music, seeks friendly male, 38-48 for good times and more. Swindon. Box 104377 £

SIMPLY THE BEST Kind, loving, caring, attentive lady, 50, seeks genuine, humorous, adventurous, loving romantic male, 48-55, 6', for friendship & relationship. Bicester. Box 818936

THAT SPECIAL PERSON Honest, bubbly female, 54, kind, loving, seeks tall male, for romance, companionship & lots more. Bicester. Box 110670 £

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SHALL WE DANCE? Blonde, blue-eyed Swindon girl, 54, friendly nature, well-travelled and loyal, lover of life, searching for an active, educated man, who appreciates, food, wine and life in general. Box 110895 £

LOOKING TO START AGAIN Non smoking petite lady, 55, seeking non-smoking man who's not overweight, and likes pubs, restaurants and quiet drives. Wantage. Box 465651

COUNTRY Lady Sporty lady, 58, widowed with grown up family. Enjoys walking her 2 dogs and playing bowls for a local team. Seeks similar gent for friendship and romance. Box 100171 £

COMBINE WITH ME Genuine female, 59, 5'11", gsoh, Witney based, seeks loving, caring male, for love and romance. Box 107785

HAND IN HAND Widow lady, 59, works part-time, enjoys socialising, meeting new people, country walks, holidays, seeks placid gent to enjoy laughter and more. Witney Box 100300

A TRUE FRIEND Separated, easygoing female, 59, likes cooking, evenings in/out, seeks friendly male, to enjoy life with. Witney. Box 100451

NICE COMPANY Attractive female, 59, 5'6", size 12, no ties, N/S, enjoys socialising, travelling, seeks smart guy with no ties, to enjoy life with. Bicester. Box 100589

GENUINE AND CARING Widow, 50's, 5ft6, slender build, I'm social, caring and well travelled, and WLTm genuine, professional guy, a non-smoker, for friendship, maybe LTR. Bicester area. Box 466487

OUTGOING & ENTHUSIASTIC? Oxfordshire widow, 58, slender, 5ft6, dark hair, sociable and caring, well travelled, attractive, seeking guy who's caring, professional and considerate. Box 467516

ENDLESS LOVE Young 57 from Wiltshire, divorced brunette, n/s, works part time, play dates, love gardening, reading, walking, looking for a gent 49-58, to share life with. Box 454148

GREAT EXPECTATIONS Widow lady, 60, from Witney, enjoys theatre, family life, holidays, seeks genuine gent, for good times and more. Box 107425

FUN TO BE WITH Attractive lady, 52", 58, very social and enjoys nights out and in, weekends away looking for a man with a gosh who is fun. Box 458867

STRICTLY BALLROOM Dance-loving lady, 60, 5'6", searching for a man, 5'10", N/S, who can jive, for friendship and ballroom dancing. Box 111203 £

ENJOY LIFE Retired, attractive, slim Oxfordshire lady, 60, searching for a gent, 55-60, to share happy times, friendship and maybe more. Box 113207 £

LOOKING FORWARD WITH YOU Petite woman, 60, Oxford based, looking for a new special friend, for activities and possibly more. Box 108618 £

LIFE GOES ON! Hardworking, fun female, 60, likes reading, walking, cycling, wlm nice, decent, honest chap, for friendship leading to more. Oxford. Box 101289 £

CARELESS WHISPER Active, attractive lady, 61, enjoys National Trust, gardening, music, eating out, seeks tall, kind man, for companionship & more. Witney. Box 105219

SOCIALABLE SORT I'm looking for a sociable man with an active lifestyle for a LTR. I'm 59, tall and blonde, I like walks, cars and gardening. Swindon Box 452750 £

CHATS OVER A PINT? Country woman looking to meet a loving, dark haired, slim man. I'm 62yrs old, 5'7", slim and fit, love being outside, walking and gardening. Marlborough/Wiltshire Box 112241 £

EACH DAY IS A NEW ONE Widow lady, 64, brown hair, blue/grey eyes, likes walking, reading, watching films, family life, gardening, seeks nice gent, for ltr. Witney Box 105525

NEW IN TOWN Easygoing, slim woman, 64, 5'6", blonde, likes jazz, live shows, reading and walks, seeks down-to-earth male, for genuine friendship and more. Box 100721

FINALLY YOU'VE FOUND ME Divorced, recently retired lady, 64, N/S, likes walking, reading, cinema, action movies, 60s music, seeks simple gent, to enjoy good times. Oxford. Box 101791 £

A WONDERFUL LIFE Retired teacher, 66, 5'6", dark hair with hazel eyes, slim, from Witney, loves the arts, ballroom dancing, walking my dog, wlm warm hearted gent. Box 110189

SEE YOU SMILE Slim, attractive Witney female, 66, 5'6", dark hair/hazel eyes, creative and interesting, searching for an active, arty, music-loving man, to share a few smiles and creative moments. Box 110882

HEADLINE NEWS Happy, healthy, intelligent woman, 66, 5'7", N/S, from Devizes, enjoys gardening, theatre, cinema, holiday and generally nice times. Box 105353

DOWN TO EARTH Happy-go-lucky female, young 67, slim/medium build, love walking, cooking, gardening, kisses and cuddles, looking for a non-smoking, clean-shaven man, 59-65, for a relationship. Swindon Box 454288 £

LOOKING TO START AGAIN Mature lady, non-smoker, 5ft4, cuddly build (size 20). WLTm nice, caring, decent man for friendship at first. I like cats and enjoy history and gardening. Swindon. Box 466370 £

FLOW WITH JOY Attractive lady, 71, fun to be with, likes having a laugh, theatre, holidays, generally socialising, seeks similar chap for companionship. Witney Box 100184

TAKE IT FROM ME Slim, happy, healthy, intelligent lady, 72, divorced, searching for a similar man, for friendship and company. Must love dogs. Oxford. Box 111209

GREAT COMPANIONS Widow lady, 72, likes animals, music, theatre, wlm easygoing gent, 60-70 for companionship maybe more. Box 104917 £

MY SIMPLE WISH Sincere female, 76, from Faringdon, likes gardening, walking, cinema, holidays, cooking, wlm gent 68-70. Box 109439 £

HONEST & UNDERSTANDING Sincere, Oxfordshire lady, 78, likes going out and about, places of interest, looking for a gent, 5'10", 65-75 who is caring & loyal for friendship. Box 113436



Men seeking women

WE COULD BE GOOD TOGETHER Down to earth male, 36, enjoys cycling, walking, travelling, seeks laid back female, for good times and more. Swindon. Box 100773 £

MORE LOVE TALKATIVE, lively Abingdon male, 39, blond/blue, 5'10", N/S, into rock music, travel, looking for a lifetime partner, to share a great relationship. Box 110386 £

SWEET DREAMS Blond, blue-eyed, outgoing Abingdon male, 39, 5'10", enjoys walks, travel, heavy metal and more, searching for a lively girl, to share conversation, friendship and a whole lot more. Box 111572 £

CARING SORT Sociable guy, 39, 5'9", medium build. Very caring with GSOH. Hobbies include watching football and playing golf. Seeks slim to medium female/single mum. Box 100151

HEART 2 HEART Sporty, active male, 40, tall with dark hair, own house/car, likes socialising, theatre, social drinks, wlm warm hearted woman, for LTR. Oxford. Box 101832 £

RHYTHM IS A DANCER Fit gymnast, 37, active, love life to the max, wlm female dancer for loving relationship. Bicester. Box 990826 £

MAKE A REAL FRIEND Down to earth male, 41, enjoys holidays, socialising, sports & much more, seeking a nice female, for fun times ahead. Box 101121 £

THE BRIGHTEST STAR Smartly dressed chap, 42, 6', stocky build, lives in Oxford, likes dining in & out, keeping fit, seeks smart dressed lady, for ltr. Box 106368

SOMEONE TO CLICK WITH Honest, genuine N/S guy, 42, 6'1", medium build, no ties, lives in Swindon, likes theatre, bowling, meals out, seeks single female, for ltr. Box 107035 £

ENJOY GOOD COMPANY Honest male, 43, 6'3", stocky build, gsoh, enjoys sports, travel, cosy times in, social drinks, seeks fun loving female, for happier times. Oxford. Box 101716 £

MAKE FRIENDS Mixed-race male, 43, smoker, not employed, usual interests, seeking a female, 35-45, for lasting relationship. Oxford. Box 101526

TIME TOGETHER Sincere male, 59", medium build, likes social drinks, watching films and life in general, looking for a similar lady, for friendship and more. Abingdon. Box 100723 £

SO GOOD TOGETHER Easygoing male, 45, 6'2", medium build, N/D, likes cinema, meals out, seeks understanding female, for good times leading to more. Banbury. Box 102913

PART OF YOUR WORLD Genuine male, 45, single dad, likes weekends away, family life, socialising, looking for a outgoing female, for fun, friendship and more. Newbury. Box 103015

WE CAN BE HAPPY Fun male, 44, likes meals out, keeping fit, weekends away, 5ft9in, seeking friendship maybe more with someone special. Banbury. Box 854670 £

HOPE FOR US Youthful, blue-eyed male, 46, enjoys the gym and good times, searching for a nice, honest woman. Oxford. Box 100657 £

COMING UP EASY Oxford male, 46, 6'1", driver, seeking an honest female friends, for chats, company and more. Box 101009 £

HELLO Mature male, 46, 5ft11, medium-stocky build, likes eating in/out, walking, sports, lots of fun! Seeking homely girl for TLC and more. Abingdon. Box 462105 £

SHARE AS A COUPLE Quiet-natured Oxfordshire male, 48, searching for a lady, to share night out, pubs and company. Box 110748 £

GIVE LOVE A TRY Hardworking male, 49, 5'7", brown hair, own flat, likes socialising, cooking, nights in, seeks nice, young lady for friendship leading to more. Oxford Box 103032 £

MAKE MY DREAM COME TRUE Honest, caring male, 49, likes diy, gardening, keeping fit, animals, seeks honest, caring female for friendship, leading to more. Oxford/Berkshire Box 112137 £

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LIFE'S WHAT WE MAKE IT Fit, healthy, lively, educated chap, 64, 6', enjoys theatre, cooking, gardening, walking, holidays, wlm lively lady, 55-65 to enjoy life with. Oxford. Box 103555 £

MAGIC MOMENTS Retired widower, 66, 6', medium build, reliable & trustworthy, likes gardening, animals, playing golf, home life, seeks lady, 55-65. Aylesbury Box 105892

OPEN YOUR HEART Cheerful male, 68, 5'6", slim build, gsoh, likes sports, walks, animals, seeks decent lady, 55-70 to settle down with. Banbury. Box 104901 £

MADE FOR EACH OTHER Happy go lucky male, 69, from Oxford, likes cosy times in, chatting & more, seeks honest female, for company leading to romance. Box 106551

SOUL TO SOUL Divorced, active male, 76, looks younger, 5'6", enjoys pubs meals, car boot sales, crossword, wlm charming female, to share quality times. Oxford. Box 100937

MY SIMPLE WISH Retired farmer, 83, widower, likes country walks, painting, antique fairs, wlm warm, affectionate, slender lady, 70-75 for a permanent relationship. Banbury. Box 105516



ARE YOU THE ONE Easygoing Christian female, 39, 5'6", brunette living in Devizes, thoughtful, caring, affectionate & young at heart, wlm like minded lady, for friendship/committed relationship. Box 107470 £

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SWEET TALK Country loving female, 66, enjoys riding, dog walks and girthie chats, hoping to meet a likeminded lady with the same interests, for friendship. Wantage/Oxfordshire Box 112054 £

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Music

THURSDAY

Copa of Oxford, George Street, Oxford: Cody. Singer and guitarist, covering hits from past 60 plus years. 9.30pm. 01865 246906.

FRIDAY

Abingdon Arms, High Street, Beckley: Live music with Nikki Lou (who amazed us with her rendition of *Someone Like You*) and now centre stage at this event. 9pm. Free. 01865 351311.

Jacqueline du Pré Music Building, St Hilda's College, Cowley Place, Oxford: Piano Recital with Luke Berryman. A *Celebration for Glynis* and in aid of Sobell House Hospice. Programme to include Chopin, Wild, Gershwin, Mozart and Beethoven. 7.30pm. £10, child £5. 01865 857007.

The Swan Inn, 1 Lower Street, Islip: Live Music. The Bankers are an Oxford-based covers band playing music from the last 30-40 years, spanning many genres and generations including some well know classics such as the Skynyrd anthem Sweet home Alabama. 9pm. Phone: 01865 379973.

SATURDAY

Folly Bridge Inn, 38 Abingdon Road, Oxford: Alamakota; Dan Webb; D Gwalia. Alamakota are a groove-oriented band blending funk, dub, drum n bass, jazz and world; open musicians, who share a passion for jamming and freedom. 7.30pm. £5, tickets from wegotickets. 07582 542568.

Chapel, St Edward's School, : Awake Love Orchestra. As part of the Awake Project, the orchestra will be performing an intimate concert in the chapel of St Edward's School. 7pm. £10, £8 concessions. Organised via North Wall Arts Centre, Oxford. 01865 319450. **Rose and Crown, Main Street, Chilton:** Swamproot - down home rockin blues. Laid back Southern rock and blues. 9pm. Free. 01235 862992. **Victoria Arms, Mill Lane, Marston:** Fourmore faces. 12-11pm. Part of beer festival. 01865 241382.

SUNDAY

Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street, Oxford: Coffee concert. Brodowsky String Quartet. Children aged

five-ten yrs free, no under fives admitted. £11, conc £10. 11.15am . 01865 305305. **Jack Russell, Salford Road, Marston:** With Rose and Cristy. 8pm. Irish music night. 01865 250708. **The Trout Pub, Faringdon Road, Lechlade:** Kingslake Keegan and Gower. Live jazz and blues. A trio of musicians: Mike Keegan, Astrid Gower and Peter Kingslake with occasional guest artists play covers from the great artists like Bessy Smith Ray Charles and Billy Hoilday, sometimes singing in close harmony in the 40s-style mixed with jazz guitars and the bodhran. 8.30pm. Free.

TUESDAY

Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford: Lunchtime organ recital. Concluding the 27th recital season is a performance by organist Paul Derrett. Tea and coffee available from The Gallery Cafe. £3. 1-2pm. 01865 252776.

Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury:

Sep 4, *Tir Na Nog*. 7.30pm. Folk and rock duo from Ireland. They have toured with Jethro Tull and Procol Harum before their first album (*Tir na nog*). Their music has been described as psychedelic folk, was championed by John Peel in his sessions and they have remained a cult band. New album, *Live At Sirius* was recently released. £10 advance and £12 on the door. Sep 10, (in the Miller's Bar), James Grant plays material from all his albums and a smattering of the old favourites in an acoustic setting. Come enjoy James's mercurial, edgily-literate amalgam of soul, rock, blues and country. £12.50. 8pm. Sep 23 *Holmes and Watson - The Farewell Tour*. 7.30pm. Box office: 01295 279002. **The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton:** Sep 8, *Red Priest - Carnival of the Seasons*. This extraordinary acoustic foursome has been described by music critics as 'visionary and heretical',

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'outrageous yet compulsive', and 'completely wild and deeply imaginative.' 7.45pm. £15. Sep 9, *Kan*, support from Holly Tamar. A union between four stars in folk music: Brian Finnegan and Aidan O'Rourke join forces with Ian Stephenson and Jim Goodwin. 7.45pm. £14, concessions £12. Sep 10, *Hiss and Boo Music Hall*. Laughter, music and song from the British traditional Music Hall and Variety Company. £13, concessions £11. 2.30pm and 7.45pm. Sep 16, All Star comedy night. Box office: 01608 642350, *Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10-2pm*. **Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford:** Sept 2-3, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Enjoy an hour watching favourite storybooks come to life on stage. The tales of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Little Cloud* and *The Mixed-up Chameleon* by award-winning children's book illustrator and writer Eric Carle, are retold in this adaptation with puppetry by

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia. Fri-Sat 10.30am, 1pm, Sat 4pm. £10, concessions £8. Sep 6, *Greek*. An opera by Mark Anthony Turnage, based on the play by Steven Berkoff. A Music Theatre Wales co-production with Theatr Brycheiniog Brecon. £10 and £15. 7.30pm. Free pre-show talk in Top Room, 6.30pm, with director Michael McCarthy. Sep 7-10, *Three Sisters*. All aboard for Chekhov presented by Metra Theatre in Playhouse Plays Set on a canal boat in the heart of Oxford. Meet at the theatre 15 minutes prior to performance to be led to the river. 6pm and 8pm. £8, concession £6. Booking necessary, limited audience capacity. Box office: 01865 305305. **New Theatre, George Street, Oxford:** Sep 16, Jack Whitehall. He's hosted *Never Mind The Buzzcocks* as well as a Variety Performance and starring on Channel 4's *Stand Up For The Week*. Box office: 0844 847 1585.

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Fines still mounting for overdue library books

WHERE is Wally? That's the question after it was revealed a book about the bespectacled character was one of seven missing from Oxfordshire's libraries for more than six years.

Patient library chiefs are still waiting on the seven books, including *Where's Wally In Hollywood* and *Oh, the things you can think!* by Dr Seuss, as well as a DVD and two CDs.

Oxfordshire County Council only records overdue items up to six years and a day and stopped counting for the ten items when it got to six years and 17 days.

One library user faces a whopping £178.93 fine when – or if – they return eight books and cough up for another eight they reported lost.

The cash-strapped authority is owed £17,210.85 on items not returned and £29,677.77 on returned items.

Spokesman Marcus Mabberley said: "Councils could, in theory, take readers with overdue items or unpaid fines to court, but in practice this doesn't happen in Oxfordshire."

"It is thought that the cost of such action would be significantly higher than fine amounts or the cost of overdue items."

Users get a reminder letter or email after 28 days, another one three weeks later and borrowing rights are suspended after 78 days until they are returned.

Those who owe £10 or more on their account can also no longer borrow items until it is paid off. Adult fines are 20p a day for books to a

maximum £9.20 and a maximum £10.50 for some DVDs and £6 for some music CDs. Concessions apply.

Last year the council collected £189,703.35 in fines, down from £216,011.42 and £216,149.75 the previous years.

Mr Mabberley said closure of some branches to put in self-service equipment, resulting in longer loan periods, could have cut fines along with online and phone renewal.

Author Malcolm Graham urged the user who has had his *Oxford Yesterday and Today* history book for more than six years from Kidlington

Library to return it.

He said: "Someone obviously really enjoys it I suppose."

"They should return it because it is stopping other people from having access to it."

The author, 53, said: "I don't think it is in print, otherwise I would suggest they go out and buy a copy."

The council last year proposed cutting funding from 20 out of 43 branches to save cash.

It later said it would fund 22 in full, ensure five would be "significantly" staffed and have 16 more reliant on volunteers.

Nicholas Newman, who campaigned to get Headington fully funded, said: "I am very concerned they are not receiving the money at a time when they claim they are short of money and have to make cutbacks. The fines owed would pay for two librarians."



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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Totton	5	4	0	1	16	2	12
Brackley	5	4	0	1	13	5	12
Leamington	5	3	2	0	8	3	11
Stourbridge	5	3	2	0	7	2	11
Banbury Utd	5	3	1	1	8	4	10
Frome Tn	5	3	1	1	8	5	10
Oxford City	5	3	1	1	6	7	10
Chesham	5	3	0	2	6	5	9
Hitchin Tn	5	2	2	1	14	8	8
Cambridge C	5	2	1	2	8	5	7
Redditch Utd	5	2	1	2	5	4	7
St Albans	5	2	1	2	9	11	7
Bashley	5	2	1	2	6	10	7
Barwell	5	2	0	3	8	8	6
Evesham Utd	5	2	0	3	2	3	6
Chippenham	5	2	0	3	3	6	6
Bedford Tn	5	2	0	3	6	12	6
Arlesey Tn	5	1	1	3	4	7	4
Weymouth	5	1	1	3	7	11	4
Hemel Hemp	5	0	1	4	3	11	1
Cirencester T	5	0	1	4	8	17	1
Supermarine	5	0	1	4	5	14	1

Banbury strikers hit top form

■ Banbury Utd 2 ■ St Albans City 0
(W Green 65, Woodley 72)

SECOND-half goals from strikers Will Green and Aaron Woodley saw Banbury United make it three Premier Division wins on the spin.

After a goalless first half, in which Woodley hit an upright from a narrow angle, it was all Banbury after the break.

And it was no surprise when they went ahead, Simeon Williams's pass allowing Green to net from 15 yards.

Green should have made it 2-0 from the penalty spot on 67 minutes after Nick Jupp brought down Woodley.

The keeper was sent off, but stand-in Ryan Moran saved Green's effort.

But victory was sealed when Woodley made no mistake.

The game was preceded by a minute's silence for groundsman Walter Preedy who died on Thursday.

Banbury Utd: Kemp, Williams (Kingston 82), Polk, Thackeray, Dolman (Kinch 64), Hutchcox, Stanbridge, Coleman, Green (Robinson 87), Woodley, Dowling. Sub not used: Lamb.

Attendance: 269.



Aaron Woodley

Serious Cricket Home Counties Premier League

Wycombe are champions

BANBURY'S Division 1 match at High Wycombe lasted little more than two hours before rain caused an abandonment.

This result and Tring Park's surprise defeat by Harpenden mean that Wycombe are champions for a record fifth time.

Put in to bat, Banbury

slumped to 65-5, with the main damage being done by swing bowler Alan Duncan, who claimed 3-46.

Luke Ryan then joined Shahbaz Ali in an unbroken sixth-wicket stand of 57 before heavy rain brought the players off the field for good after 33.4 overs.

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L Sabin c Sehgal b Hussain	6
L Shaw lbw b Duncan	20
C Haupt c Cranfield-Thompson b Benning	14
R West b Duncan	.....	9
I Tew c Robinson b Duncan	.....	14
Shahbaz Ali not out	.....	27
L Ryan not out	.....	29
Extras	.....	3
Total (5 wks, 33.4 ovs)	.....	122
Fall: 1-26, 2-26, 3-45, 4-61, 5-65.		
Bowling: Hussain 6-0-36-1, Duncan 13-2 46-3, Benning 11-2-27-1, Skatchley 3.4-0-10-0.		
● High Wycombe 6pts, Banbury 6		

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ARIES Mar 21-Apr 19

A slow week must not be seen as an unproductive one. You have the right to relax once in a while. Don't be frightened of taking up a loved one's offer of lazy time. If you don't allow yourself to be put first, then why should anyone else, my friend. Call me a call now so I can tell you what excitement Venus is about to bring to love affairs.

0906 585 4360

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Purchases are forecast to be made that will bring much fun into your life and you can also look forward to an evening of entertainment as old friends gather together to celebrate an important occasion. Mercury promises you news on something you were almost ready to give up on this week. Call me now for more on this important turning point.

0906 585 4366

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Watch out for friends and family dropping by unannounced. No matter what you have planned, you are going to have to accept the fact that someone else has their own plans in mind for you and is not going to take no for an answer. Visitors could become permanent if Mars has anything to do with it. Call me now for your week in full.

0906 585 4361

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You should find it easy to see through lies this week and you might find it useful to make some enquiries regarding your career. If you knock on a door and it opens you will know it is a genuine acceptance. Use care when talking to new faces about love affairs, they'll repeat more than you think. Call now to turn that corner with that work project.

0906 585 4367

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

You must be careful of giving out information that you know will find your pride and admit a little of the blame then it is sure to prove far less important than it might otherwise appear. Children bring joy and good news by Friday with an announcement, which is sure to change many lives. Call now to hear an important message from Mercury.

0906 585 4362

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Don't feel too upset about a work problem. If you can swallow your pride and admit a little of the blame then it is sure to prove far less important than it might otherwise appear. Children bring joy and good news by Friday with an announcement, which is sure to change many lives. Call now to hear an important message from Mercury.

0906 585 4368

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Your mood is going to be somewhat unpredictable and you might find yourself getting short-tempered with those you love for no reason. Try the old method of counting to ten. It's sure to see you in favour with those who are watching from the sidelines. Give me a call now so I can tell you whose path the stars are trying to make you cross.

0906 585 4363

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

You have a big decision to make and might have to sacrifice something in order to gain speed in another direction. Rely on your own judgement and don't let others confuse or mislead you. If you don't know what feels right to you now, you will never have the confidence, so take a deep breath and go for it.

0906 585 4369

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

Don't get involved in gossip about someone that you like. Not only is it the quickest way to lose friends, but you will also feel very silly when you find out what nice things they have said about you. Time spent with new faces boosts your confidence on Friday. Give me a call now to hear why this is the beginning of such exciting times for you.

0906 585 4364

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Be careful of the tricky aspects that will be making it very hard for you to divide the people who want you for you from those who are using you as a stepping stone. Trust in those you know but be very wary of giving way to faces you have not seen or spoken to before, especially in romance.

0906 585 4370

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Be aware of what you are saying. Your loved ones, who are taking everything you say to heart, will not appreciate loose promises. Affairs of the heart come under the spotlight and you start to see that you're able to get what and who you want if you wear your heart on your sleeve once in a while. Call me now for your week in full detail.

0906 585 4365

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20

You have a lot to get through if you are ever to see the success that I know you crave. Travel is forecast and with it can bring the contacts you need to work the career ladder. Instant attractions are worth following up for once and you finally realise that you can and will afford to ask for more from relationships. Ring me for a revelation, now.

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Classic cottages

GRADE II-listed Winchcomb Cottage, in Church Enstone, has a dilapidated cottage in its grounds, which agents say could be developed, subject to planning permission.

The late 17th-century family home, which has a thatched roof, includes a sitting room, study, family kitchen, five bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Period features include flagstone floors, open fireplaces, window seats and exposed

**By Gill Oliver
Property Writer**

beams. The grounds include lawns, a thatched garage and outbuildings.

Another Grade II-listed cottage is Minster Cottage in Charlbury.

The property, which has medieval origins, is made up of six smaller cottages converted



Winchcomb Cottage is on the market for offers in excess of £795,000

from a barn in 1815 and has many period features including fireplaces, exposed beams and cellars that run the full length of the building.

Ranged over four floors, the cottage has seven bedrooms, two bathrooms, a dining room, sitting room, family room, music room/study and

kitchen/breakfast room.

One half of the cellars is split into four rooms, while the other half is unused.

The gardens, which have views over the local church, include a lawn, patio, fruit trees, a vegetable plot, shed and double garage.

Winchcomb Cottage is on the

market for offers in excess of £795,000. For more information, contact agents Knight Frank on 01865 790077 or visit knightfrank.co.uk

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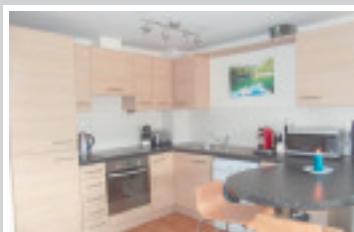


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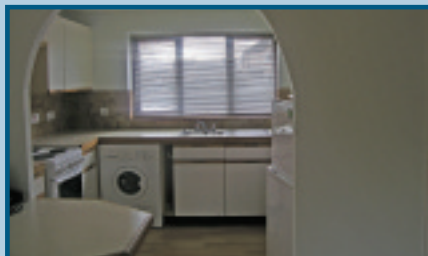
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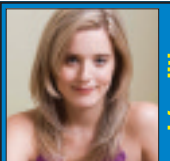
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The current focus for hubbub, hullabaloo, and not a little hype, in modern motoring is undoubtedly on electric cars. Mitsubishi Motors is as active a player as any car maker in stoking the flames of the latest 'green revolution'.

Its awkwardly-named i-MiEV electric car is undoubtedly up there at the cutting edge, but a quick glance at the sums involved in purchasing any new electric car means that, for the time being at least, these will remain firmly in the hands of a privileged few.

Thankfully, back in the real world where most of us exist, Mitsubishi continues to deliver well-packaged, well-equipped, economical cars consummately capable of handling the demands of family life.

Take the Colt. It is a simple, tried and tested, five-door hatchback which will reliably transport five people, or a heap of luggage, in comfort and won't break the bank. So how do you add a dash of appeal to that already attractive combination? Simple.

By David Duffy

Add the Juro badge. These special editions have popped up across the Mitsubishi range and add a chunk of extra equipment at a competitive price.

For the Colt, that means full leather upholstery, a portable Garmin satnav, which includes Bluetooth phone link, and other goodies ranging from 16-inch alloy wheels and air conditioning, to a leather-trimmed steering wheel with audio controls.

Under the bonnet is an utterly conventional, and superbly reliable, 1.3-litre petrol engine, linked to a five-speed manual gearbox. Do you need to work the gearbox a bit on steep hills when the car is fully loaded? Oh yes. Can you squeeze 50mpg out of it? Yes, if you take it carefully. Will it cruise at 70mph all day on a motorway? No bother?

It is, above all, a hugely well thought out compact car, and a pretty safe place to be, with a four-star Euro NCAP rating and front, side and curtain airbags fitted as standard. Already covered by a three-year, unlimited

mileage warranty, it is not surprising that most buyers also take up the company's offer of a £375 service plan, which covers the first three services.

Mitsubishi is undoubtedly a dedicated player in the electric car stakes, and says that it intends that electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles will account for at least 20 per cent of its total production by 2020.

That still leaves four out of five of its vehicles using fossil fuel. So there is still plenty of life remaining for a well-packaged, well-equipped, economical, small hatchback.

Auto facts

Model: Mitsubishi Colt 1.3 Juro 5dr
Price: £10,999
Insurance group: 16 (1-50)
Fuel consumption (Combined): 47.1mpg
Top speed: 112mph
Length: 394cm/155in
Width: 169.5cm/66.7in
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 ■ Japanese car maker Honda is claiming its forthcoming new Civic will feature a cleaner,

more powerful and economical diesel engine to deliver lower running costs for owners. According to the company, improvements to its 2.2-litre i-DTEC engine, coupled with a low-drag body design, mean the new 2012 Civic emits 110g/km of CO₂ — while producing 150 horsepower. This new lower CO₂ figure signals a drop of 29g/km over the outgoing model and will enable customers to benefit from free road tax for the first

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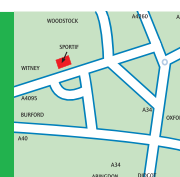
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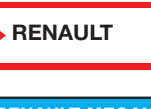


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